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MARKETS FOR FISHERY PRODUCTS TO BE STEADY IN THIRD QUARTER

Steady markets for domestic fishery products--with some weakness due to local oversupply--are forecast for this year's third quarter, according to the Commercial Fisheries Outlook, July-September 1955, a report issued today by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

A firm market is seen for fresh and frozen salmon, with supply liberal and demand good. The market for canned salmon should be firm, according to the report, with supply moderate and demand good. Mild-cured salmon is expected to show a firm market, a moderate supply, and a good demand.

An unsettled market is predicted for canned tuna, with supply liberal and demand good. An industry-Government promotional campaign to move liberal supplies of this product into trade channels reached a peak last month and public response has been good. Tariff concessions on imported tuna (effective in September) along with requests by segments of the domestic tuna industry for governmental assistance, make it difficult to gauge future trends in imports and the domestic market. The domestic pack of tuna this year is not expected to equal that of last year.

Fresh and frozen shrimp are expected to show firm markets, moderate supplies, and good demands during the quarter. The market for canned shrimp will be firm, according to the report, with supply moderate and demand good.

An unsettled market, firming toward the end of the quarter, is seen for fish meal, with supply liberal and demand good. Supply will be bulwarked by the maximum production which takes place during this July-September period. With more cattle and hogs being fed, and broiler replacements above average, demand for fish meal should maintain a good level throughout the quarter.

Markets, supplies, and demands for other fishery items during the quarter are expected to be as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Demand</u>
Salt-water Fish			
Anchovies, canned	Dull	Moderate	Slow
Fish Sticks	Steady	Moderate to liberal	Good
Flounder and Sole	Steady	Moderate	Good
Cod	Steady	Moderate to liberal	Good
Haddock	Steady	Liberal	Moderate
Ocean Perch	Firm	Moderate	Good

<u>Item</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Demand</u>
Salt-water Fish--continued			
Pollock	Firm	Light	Good
Halibut	Unsettled	Liberal	Moderate
Herring, sea (salted)	Firm	Light to moderate	Moderate
Mackerel, fresh and frozen	Firm	Moderate	Good
Mackerel, canned	Unsettled	Light	Light
Rockfishes, Pacific coast	Dull	Moderate	Slow
Sablefish (Black cod)	Firm	Moderate	Good
Sardines, canned	Unsettled	Liberal	Dull
Swordfish	Firm	Liberal	Good
Whiting	Fairly steady	Liberal	Good

Shellfish

Clams, fresh	Steady	Light	Good
Crabs and Crabmeat, fresh	Firm	Moderate to liberal	Active
Crabs and Crabmeat, canned	Firm	Moderate	Good
Lobsters, northern	Steady	Liberal	Good
Lobsters, spiny	Firm	Moderate	Good
Oysters, fresh shucked	Dull	Light	Slow
Oysters, canned	Steady	Moderate	Moderate
Scallops, sea	Unsettled	Liberal	Good

Byproducts

Fish Oils	Steady	Liberal	Good
Fish Solubles	Steady	Liberal	Moderate

Copies of the report, designated as Fishery Leaflet 336Y, may be obtained without charge from the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C.

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